

Prison To Pulpit

By Anne McWilliams
"You can't minister to men in jails by being preachy—handing out tracts and saying 'I'll come back tomorrow.' That is the opinion of James Rutledge, pastor of Cason Church in Monroe County. And he knows. He's been there."

Ten years ago he was in prison. He says, "I was a common thief, a sinner condemned, a criminal incarcerated in the Shelby County Jail in Memphis."

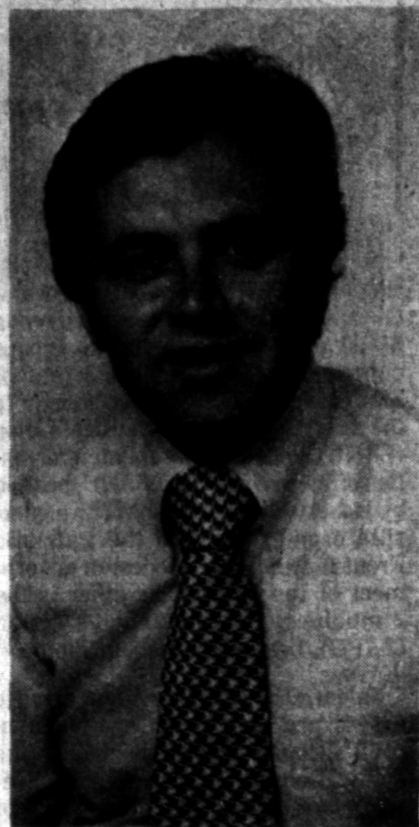
When he was released from the penitentiary in 1971 he was a new person in Christ Jesus, with a license to preach the gospel. His is a wonderful story of what God did to change a life.

In his possession he has two pardons. One is a document. The state of Tennessee affixed to it the seal of state and with it granted restoration of citizenship. "This I appreciate beyond words," Rutledge said, "but much more highly I regard my second pardon. You also have a copy of this pardon in your Bible that reads, 'For I will forgive their iniquities, and their sins I will remember no more, from the greatest to the smallest they shall know me' (Jer. 31:34)."

Rutledge was born in Pontotoc County, the son of a farmer. After finishing Hurricane High School he served two years in the Marine Corps and married Betty McCollough of the Cherry Creek community.

While living in Memphis in 1960 he was arrested for stealing and sent to the Shelby County Penal Farm for a year. Afterward, while flying missions to Southeast Asia for the Tennessee Air National Guard, he found many new temptations arising. "I was a prodigal son running from God," is the way he describes that time in his life.

By the late fall of 1968 he had written thousands of dollars of counterfeit checks, and had left his wife. "I found myself headed for the West Coast," he remembers, "with another man's wife, to catch a plane overseas. The authorities of two states were looking for me. Driving through one of the western states, as the miles slowly crept by, my thoughts were of my wasted life. Confusion and heartache



James Rutledge

brought many sleepless nights. Before entering a plane for an unknown destination he found the courage to call his wife. She told him of the prayers that his two children had offered for him.

Later he said, "This tore my heart out. Only then did I realize my unworthy condition. I saw an unclean, vile sinner running from something that had no end, destroying not only my family and dreams but another man's as well."

Still living on stolen money, he started back toward Mississippi. In Louisiana he called his wife again and promised to give himself up to the authorities. Shortly after the Christmas holidays he did, and was sent to the Shelby County jail.

While awaiting release on bond in early 1969 he began to make plans to renew his life as a criminal. Then in

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"In God We Trust" Remains On U.S. Currency, For Now

By Stan Haste

WASHINGTON (BP) — Atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair's suit seeking the removal of the phrase "In God We Trust" from U.S. coins and currency was thrown out by a federal court of appeals in New Orleans.

The Austin, Texas, based atheist leader, who has waged a long battle in the courts to have the trappings of religion removed from public life, was defeated earlier in her present suit when a Texas federal district court ruled that the challenged motto does not violate the "no establishment of religion" clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The First Amendment states in part that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

According to a spokesperson at the New Orleans court, Mrs. O'Hair will appeal the lower court rulings to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Her suit was originally filed in 1977 with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas. In a separate action, she unsuccessfully sought to have the same court halt the minting of the new Susan B. Anthony silver dollar until a ruling on her main complaint was issued. Her injunction motion was dismissed.

The Texas court issued its main ruling in the case April 17, declaring that Mrs. O'Hair failed to prove a "cause of action" and that the federal law requiring that the motto be printed on coins and currency does not violate the Constitution.

The motto "In God We Trust" has been used on U.S. coins and currency only since 1955 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law a bill passed by Congress requiring the motto's use. The official U.S. motto or slogan is "e pluribus unum" (out of many, one).

Several years ago, Mrs. O'Hair was

similarly unsuccessful in a federal suit against the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) over the issue of Bible reading aboard American space ships. She was protesting the 1968 Christmas Eve reading of the Christmas story by as-

tronauts aboard Apollo 8 as it orbited the moon. She claimed then that the government was establishing and financing religious exercises.

Mrs. O'Hair, who heads the American Atheist Center in Austin, is often

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Letters Go To A Non-Issue

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — A petition rejected by the Federal Communications Commission nearly four years ago is still eliciting more than 8,500 pieces of mail per day to the FCC "protesting an issue that doesn't exist," an FCC commissioner said here.

Addressing the 36th annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters, Commissioner James Quello said that by the end of 1978, letters received by the FCC "pleading generally for religious freedom on the air totaled nine million."

"This unprecedented volume of mail is continuing to pour in unabated," he said, adding, "we have to again issue our annual counter-plea — please don't keep 'those cards and letters rolling in' — there is no issue."

"We are not administratively equipped to handle them. More importantly, remember that those wonderful but misinformed letter writers have spent over \$1,350,000 in postage alone — and this doesn't count the cost of envelopes, paper, time and effort in mailing."

"This sizable expenditure of money and energy should be used for productive work and live issues," Quello suggested.

Clark Hensley of the Mississippi Christian Action Commission says his office is averaging about a call or letter per day concerning this "non-issue" and suggests that Baptists use their energies in letter writing toward legislative actions that are alive in the state legislature and the national Congress.

Prayer Retreat Set Feb. 24

A prayer retreat in preparation for the Good News Mississippi evangelistic campaign, is set for Feb. 24, at Camp Garaywa, Clinton.

Black and white Mississippi Baptist women will meet together at Garaywa to pray, as part of their spiritual preparation for the campaign.

Margaret Perkins, a Woman's Missionary Union consultant for cooperative ministries with National Baptists, will lead the morning Bible study. Laura Fry, the Home Mission Board's first

national evangelism consultant for women, will speak on lifestyle evangelism.

Time for the prayer retreat is from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided. No charge will be made, but reservations for the lunch should be made to WMU, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39206, or phone 354-3704.

The Good News Mississippi campaign features a joint rally in Jackson on March 23; then simultaneous revivals in black and white churches all across the state in April.

Mississippi Native

Alaska Executive Director Resigns

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP) — Mississippi native Troy Prince, executive director-treasurer of the Alaska Baptist Convention since July 1, 1971, has resigned effective Feb. 16.

Prince cited "continuing health problems, pressures associated with responsibilities as executive director-treasurer, and advice from his physician" as reasons for the resignation.

He was stricken in late September while returning from the meeting of the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville and did not return to his Alaska duties until mid-November.

Allen H. Meeks, director of the religious education department of the convention, will assume duties as interim executive director-treasurer Feb. 19. For Meeks, who has been with the Alaska Baptist Convention 14 years, it will be his third stint as interim executive director-treasurer. The Alaska executive board accepted Prince's resignation "with regret" at its Jan. 29 meeting and voted to send letters to the SBC Home Mission Board and the other SBC agencies commending him as "highly respected and loved, and one with great ability."

Prior to directing the Alaska Baptist Convention, Prince was pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La. He is a native of Laurel, Miss., having served as Bible professor at Clarke Memorial College, Newton; superintendent of missions, (Continued on Page 3)

Columbia CP Giving Goes Over \$100,000

First Church, Columbia, for the first time in its history gave over \$100,000 to world missions through the Cooperative Program. Of all funds received over the basic budget, 50 per cent goes to the Cooperative Program. The 1979 budget contains a one per cent increase to the Cooperative Program making a total of 24 per cent. A special allocation of \$11,000 has been placed in the 1979 budget for special Bold Mission projects to allow church members to be personally involved in Bold Mission. The pastor will be traveling to South Africa in August as a part of a Bold Mission project.

Pastor J. Hoy McComb, left, is shown presenting a check from the 1978 budget to Guy Henderson, center, and John Alexander of the Stewardship Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, bringing total Cooperative Program giving from his church for 1978 to \$102,000.

Christian Action Leader Gives Update On Mississippi Legislation

By J. Clark Hensley

Christian Action Commission

According to the timetable for processing legislation, the deadlines have already passed for consideration of bills originating in their own house.

The deadlines for appropriation and revenue bills are later on in the session.

Most of the legislation proposed has fallen by the wayside already, either by "dying in committee" or "dying on the calendar." No doubt some of the legislation was not even considered in

the committees. Much of the power in the Mississippi legislature is in the hands of the committee chairmen. However, most of them are respectful of the wishes of the other committee members and all of them are susceptible to the pressures of their constituents. This is election year, and when the legislative session ends, no doubt there will be something for most everybody.

In the early part of this session, much attention has been given to tax cuts and to ethics legislation.

Among the bills still alive that are of interest to those concerned about the moral climate of our state are:

House Bill 174 which provides criminal sanctions against sexual exploitation of children. This has passed the House. House Bill 333 that prohibits the distribution of certain materials to minors has also passed the House.

Senate Bill 2314 that prohibits the sexual abuse of minors and sales of materials depicting such abuse and Senate Bill 2315 that prohibits the sale

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May 28 - June 27

Summer Youth Sessions Announced At Gulfshore

Summer youth sessions will be held this year at Gulfshore from May 28 through June 27. Registration will begin March 1 for people within the state and on April 1 for people outside the state.

Dates of the weekly sessions are

Clarke Names

Search Committee

For President

A Search Committee has been appointed to look for a new president for Clarke College.

M. L. Flynt, Jr., Meridian, chairman of the trustees, is an ex officio member of the committee. Other members are Hugh Poole, Macon; Mrs. Robert Smith, DeKalb; Rex Braswell, Hattiesburg; and Clovis Harden, Grenada. They are now accepting applications.

A. C. Johnson is acting president. S. L. Harris, president, resigned and has accepted a position as vice-president of Howard Payne University in Texas.

Pistol-Packin' Chaplain

GOLDEN, Colo. (RNS) — Chaplain David Chenoweth of the Jefferson County sheriff's department is a pistol expert. Recently, he was assisting a deputy in returning a fugitive to the county jail.

Noticing both his holstered pistol and his chaplain's collar, the prisoner asked, "If I took off running, would you shoot me?"

"Well," the chaplain replied, "I'll pray with you. I'll pray for you. Or I'll pray over you."

The prisoner dropped the subject.

Feb. 18 Is Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day

Can We Be Without Obligation To "Teach Others Also"?

By Joe H. Tuten, Pastor
Calvary Baptist Church
Jackson, Mississippi

"Thou, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (II Timothy 2:1-2).

Jesus was the master teacher. He was God's unique Son. He inhabited eternity and knew all about it. He came to earth and pitched His tent among us. He opened our souls to glorious mysteries which had lain beyond the reach of our intellect but not beyond the realm of our need and quest. With the touch of a master surgeon He opened the bosom of life and let us see how life is supposed to work. He compelled us to look inside ourselves; not all was pretty. Twisted motives. Shriveling selfishness. Veins of injustice. Spleens of self-righteousness. Bowels of deceit. "Never man spake like this man" (John 7:46). He stood alone. He had no peers. Those who saw Him was the Father.

Absalom, during the rebellion against his father, was in a battle against General Joab in the woods of Ephraim.

He had a makeshift army. Lacking an adequate supply of trained war steeds, Absalom rode into battle on a mule. He should have known better. The crazy mule ran under an oak, and Absalom's head was caught in a forked limb. The mule kept running. Absalom was left tangled in the tree. Joab's soldiers came quickly and killed him. The rebellion was crushed, but the king's son was dead. General Joab commissioned Cushai to run all the way to Jerusalem and report the sad victory to King David. Another soldier, Ahimaaz, filled with energy and caught up in the excitement, begged Joab to let him run and report to King David. Nothing would satisfy Ahimaaz but to show that he could get the victory news to David quicker than Cushai. Reluctantly Joab gave him permission to run also. For a surety, Ahimaaz cut across the plains and outran Cushai. He reached Jerusalem ahead of Cushai with the breathless report that "all is well" and fell exhausted before the king. King David, with the concern of an anxious father, asked about Absalom's welfare. Alas, Ahimaaz did not know! He said as far as he knew Absalom was all right. He really had no knowledge about the matter of greatest concern to the king. He simply did not know what he was talking about. He had exhausted

himself and beat the air to no avail. Shall we crown him, or shall we give him the idiot's hat?

Is Christian Education Important?

The question mocks the one who asks it. Is the Pope Catholic? Is medical education important to doctors who would heal bodies and save lives? Is engineering education important to people who would erect buildings and build bridges?

How ironic and unfortunate it is that some who would spread the message of Christ will belittle Christian education! And the shame of other Christians who would be indifferent to something as important and vital as Christian education! The Son of God has come and given us this great treasury of glorious truths about God and eternity. Dare we handle such divine revelation carelessly? Can we possibly conceive ourselves to be without obligation to "teach others also" what Christ at such great cost has taught us? Can excitement make painstaking study unnecessary? Can zeal replace righteousness? Can a thousand Ahimaazs take the place of one Cushai? Can televised religious stage shows supplant Biblical preaching? Can conversion evangelism ALONE fulfill the Great

Commission in this day of a thousand cults! Can Baptists evangelize without teaching? Can our denomination swap institutions for programs? Can Southern Baptists shift financial support from education to promotion! Can we do away with cows now that canned milk is so plentiful?

Our Commitment

We Southern Baptists have committed ourselves to world missions. It is an old commitment. We have reaffirmed it with a new name. "Bold Missions," a term befitting a generation who, through science and technology, have taken "one giant step for mankind."

How shall we carry the message of Christ to the world by Year 2,000, or any other time, without a strong base of Christian education? What message? What Gospel? Driving to church this morning, I listened to a religious program for fifteen minutes. Not once was there any mention of God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Bible, salvation, the cross, the resurrection or anything else related to Christianity. Only interviews. Just interviews. Is this the news Southern Baptists are running so hard to give to the whole

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MBMC Plans To Construct Radiation Therapy Center

The Mississippi Baptist Medical Center has received approval on its Certificate of Need application to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) for the construction of an approximately \$2 million dollar Radiation Therapy Center for the treatment of cancer. Approvals for the center had already been received from the Mississippi Health Systems Agency on both area-wide and state-wide levels.

According to MBMC Executive Director, Paul J. Pryor, the need for such a treatment center is not new. "We were approached some two years ago," he said, "by a group of concerned citizens about the need for such a center in Mississippi. All of these persons had a personal awareness of the cost and inconvenience of having to travel to cancer centers out-of-state to receive the most effective treatment for themselves or members of their families."

"At that time," Pryor went on to say, "our Board of Trustees agreed to become the catalyst to provide such a service for the people of Mississippi."

Churches To Campaign Against TV Sex, Violence

SAN ANTONIO (RNS) — A program against "garbage" on television has been launched by Church of Christ congregations here.

The six-month campaign will cost about \$89,000. Entitled "Tell the Sponsors," it is aimed at firms advertising on programs the Church of Christ finds objectionable.

The campaign includes positioning of six large billboards throughout the metropolitan area. The messages will change monthly, and will carry such comments as "Sex on TV is Garbage," "Violence on TV is Garbage," and "Some Programs Need to be Canned."

Also planned are seminars on "TV and

four persons in the United States develops cancer in his lifetime. Approximately one-half of those cancer patients will require radiation therapy. There were some 7,000 new cases of cancer in Mississippi in 1978.

"This stretches the capacity of the equipment and facilities now available," Pryor said. He indicated that new equipment and facilities are vitally needed in order to provide the most effective cancer treatment available.

"Ellerbe and Associates, the architects of our new medical center, have designed a self-contained therapy center, complete with 8-foot thick walls of lead and concrete for shielding, that will adjoin our structure on the northeast corner. The new annex will have a direct entrance from the rear parking lot for out-patients, doctors and staff," Pryor said.

New, high energy equipment, not presently available in Mississippi, is planned for the center, according to Pryor. "This equipment will be representative of the latest 'state of the art' for approved radiation treatment procedures," he said, "comparable to

that found in the major cancer centers outside the state."

The assignment to raise the funds necessary to construct this much needed treatment center rests with the MBMC Board of Trustees, Fund Raising and Finance Committee. The committee consists of Julian Clark, chairman; Paul Moak, vice chairman; Paul J. Pryor, executive director; Henry Holman, Jr.; Vernon May; Pat McMullan, Jr.; Bob Pittman; and J. W. Underwood.

Assisting them with the campaign are Frank Edmonds; Zach Heder; man; Taylor Holland; Warren Hood; Alvin Hunt; George Pickett; E. B. Robinson, Jr.; and Rowan Taylor. Co-chairmen of the Medical Staff

Drive are Lucien Hodges and Ellis Moffitt.

"The campaign committee is pleased with the response we have received from the community," said Julian Clark, "it is a credit to the fine effort made by this group of men to ease a vital health care need."

A Radiation Therapy Center Campaign Fund has been established at MBMC. Further information can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Lu Harding or Mrs. Jean May at 968-5130 or 968-5135 respectively.

Contributions may be mailed to Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, Administrative Offices, 1225 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Willis, East Will Be On Lecture Tour



East

Willis

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary and the Woman's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, are co-sponsoring a series of church leader conferences for pastors and laymen in February and March.

Featured speakers include Raymond Willis, Gladys East, and Margaret Perkins.

Willis is pastor of Jackson's College Hill Baptist Church and has been on the Mississippi Baptist Seminary faculty and a chaplain at the Mississippi State Hospital, Whitfield.

Miss East of Philadelphia, Pa., served as principal and teacher of the Suehn Industrial Mission in Liberia, West Africa until her retirement last year. Born in Africa of missionary parents, she was appointed in 1944 as a missionary of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. During her years as a missionary, she served as speaker for youth and women's camps at Sophia Sutton Assembly in Prentiss.

Mrs. Perkins of Birmingham, Ala., is a member of the staffs of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and Woman's Missionary Union. She is WMU consultant for cooperative ministries with National Baptists.

Willis and East will conduct conferences in the following locations: Southeast Center of the Mississippi

Baptist Seminary, Hattiesburg, Feb. 26, 7-9 p.m.; Gulfport Center, MBS, Feb. 27, 7-9 p.m.; St. Elmo Baptist Church, Laurel, Feb. 28, 7-9 p.m.; Tupelo Center, MBS, which is at Rising Star Baptist Church, March 1, 7-9 p.m.; and the North Mississippi BME Convention Center, Senatobia, March 2, 7-9 p.m.

Perkins will substitute for Willis in Jackson at the Farish Street Baptist Church, Feb. 25, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Willis will address a joint session at each meeting, presenting plans for the new building for Mississippi Baptist Seminary and urge churches to participate in support of the seminary program.

Missionaries Home From Iran Miss Desert And Their Work

By Ruth Fowler

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP) — The big excitement in Abwaz, Iran, centered around the softball field and the temperatures rose to 120 degrees in the summer. For miles around there was nothing but sand.

This desert city was home for Southern Baptist missionaries Kenneth and Beth Glenn, a home they fear they may

not see again.

Last fall the quiet of the desert community was shattered when growing anti-shah sentiment burst into demonstrations and conflicts between marchers and the military. With the uprisings came anti-American expressions. According to the Glenns, the tensions and anxieties mounted in their city and no one knew for sure what would happen next.

Now news reports warn that the power struggle may escalate into all-out civil war. All the Americans have left Abwaz. The English-language church where Glenn was pastor is inactive with its more than 150 members scattered throughout the United States.

But the Glenns and their three children want to return to Iran. Even in the midst of the crisis, they say they never felt personally threatened. They love their city and their work there.

People who left Abwaz after the Glenns told of looting of Americans' homes. While there, the Glenns and other Americans received mimeographed death threats on the windshields of their cars. One American oil company executive, Paul

Graham, was killed just a block from the Glenn home soon after the Glenns left Iran.

"But we were never mistreated in any way," Glenn emphasizes. "Everyone was very tense. Sometimes people would stare at us, but we were never insulted. We never had anything stolen. Our experiences were very positive."

Even though the Glenns would be willing to return as soon as peace is restored, that may not be possible. They were in Iran to minister to American and European families. Until major companies return employees to Iran, the Glenns' ministry will not be viewed as necessary by the Iranian government.

Other missionaries have not experienced the same all-out evacuation of Americans from their community. The Henry E. Turlingtons and Michael Joe Sowder remain in Teheran where the violence has been less intense and where about 50 of their congregation of 350 remain.

The Glenns found the softball field

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Indonesian Official Denies Threat To Religious Freedom

WASHINGTON (BP) — The cultural attaché of the Indonesian embassy in Washington says that new laws concerning mission work in his southeast Asian nation "are not aimed at limiting religious freedom."

T. M. Soelaiman of the Indonesian embassy told Baptist World Alliance General Secretary Robert S. Denny that "people are free to change their religion. The decisions are to protect the interest of believers in Indonesia and to preserve harmony among

them."

Mission boards in the U.S. and Australia are concerned over new laws SK. 70, that says missionary work should not be directed toward those who already possess a religious belief, and SK. 77, which regulates material and financial aid to religious bodies, including aid in the form of personnel.

But Soelaiman assured Denny and associate Charles F. Willis that, "If voluntarily a person wants to change his religion, he is free to do so because

he has got the right to do so."

About SK. 77, Soelaiman said, "Foreigners assigned to help religious bodies here should abide by immigration regulations. The government wants to know their country of origin and the duration of their stay here."

He said also that SK. 77 requires information on the nature and form of aid sent from abroad to religious bodies in Indonesia, the country from which the aid comes, and the utilization of that aid. "All this is to ensure that the aid goes to the right addressee," he said.

In Australia, J. D. Williams, general secretary of the Australian Baptist Missionary Society, had expressed concern that the laws, when fully implemented, "could virtually end missionary work in Indonesia and churches elsewhere."

Southern Baptists have 107 missionaries in Indonesia, and also operate Bible schools and hospitals there.

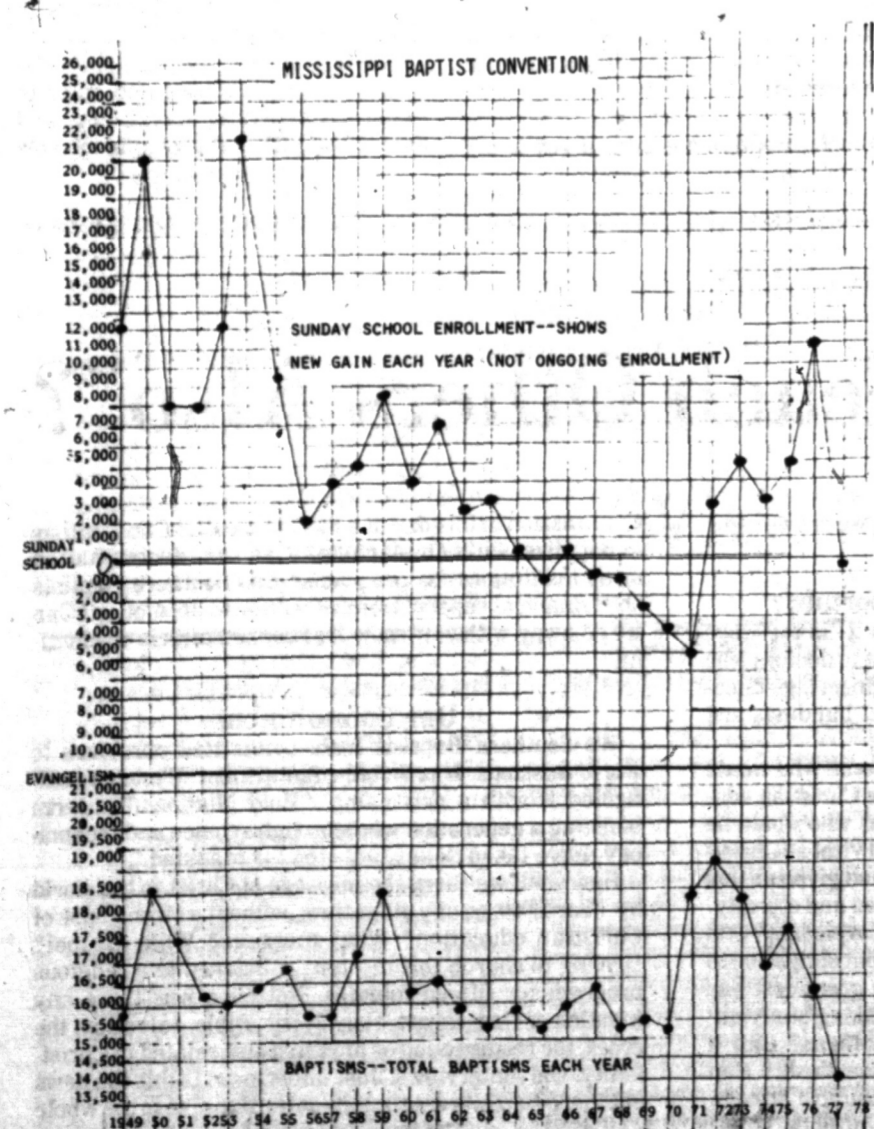
Don Miller Will Lead Prayer Confab

Don Miller, Fort Worth, Tex., will direct a prayer conference at Calvary Baptist Church, Greenville, February 18-21. Miller has had three decades of preaching, having been pastor in Texas and Long Island, New York in pioneer missions.

He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and has conducted Lay Evangelism Schools throughout the USA, Africa, and other mission fields. He will spend the last six months of 1979 on the foreign mission field leading prayer conferences with Southern Baptists missionaries.

The sessions for the Prayer Conference at Calvary will be at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and 10:35 a.m., 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. on Sunday. For names of motels in Greenville call Calvary at 334-4554 or write P. O. Box 4864, Greenville, 37001. Howard Taylor, pastor, invites Mississippi Baptists to the Prayer Conference.

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Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



New York (RNS) — The World Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries has approved a \$4,000 grant to one of the two groups comprising the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe. It will give the money to the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) to help maintain an information office in New York. ZANU, headed by Robert Mugabe, is one of two guerrilla organizations in the Patriotic Front fighting the Rhodesian government of Ian Smith. The other is the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (ZAPU), headed by Joshua Nkomo.

New York (RNS) — The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry (GNYSJ) is establishing a Commission on Soviet Anti-Semitism to study ways of combatting anti-Semitism in the official Soviet press and in USSR educational, employment and emigration policies.

Salt Lake City (RNS) — Statistics for the last five years show world membership in the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), increased 26 per cent, from 3.3 million in 1973 to 4.1 million in 1978.

Cancer, Heart Dysfunctions Biggest Killers

DALLAS, Texas — Heart dysfunctions and cancer again rank as the leading killers of active and retired Southern Baptist ministers and employees, according to statistics of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board for 1978.

More than 60 per cent of the 264 deaths recorded by the Board during 1978 were linked to heart problems and cancer.

A total of 120 deaths resulted from heart attack. Heart disease claimed two lives, and heart failure accounted for eight. One death was attributed to blood clot of the heart.

Cancer accounted for 28 deaths, the statistics showed.

Pastoral Care Seminar Set For Feb. 20



Pepper

Morris

The nineteenth annual pastoral care seminar will be held at the Baptist Medical Center in Jackson on February 20th. The theme for this year's meeting on the pastoral care of the ill is "A Team Ministry in Family Practice."

Resource persons for the day's activity beginning with registration and coffee at 9:30 a.m. in the Gilroy Unit Amphitheater are Kenneth Pepper, director of the Counseling and Education Center of Dallas, Texas, and Glenn F. Morris, who is in general and family medicine practice in Jackson, Mississippi.

Morning sessions will begin at 9:55 a.m., followed by luncheon in the hospital cafeteria and adjournment at 3:10 p.m. Parking will be provided in the parking lot next to the Jackson Bone and Joint Clinic on Carlisle Street, across the street and south of the old Baptist Hospital building.

The seminar is annually sponsored by the Department of Pastoral Care, Baptist Medical Center, and the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Clergymen and guests of all faiths are invited.

Ridgecrest Accepting Summer Applications

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, a year-round religious retreat near Asheville, N. C., is accepting applications for employment on the 1979 summer staff.

The conference center employs approximately 300 Christian young people and adults to serve more than 29,000 guests who attend the 13-week summer season. Staff members are needed for the complete summer term, May 26-Sept. 3, although some applications will be accepted for shorter periods of time.

Applicants must be between 18 and 75 years of age before the 1979 summer.

Positions are available in the areas of food services, housekeeping, day camp, preschool work, guest relations, transportation, registration, recreation, media center, and auditorium/conference room operation. Work schedules usually include a

weekly load of 35-40 hours and weekend or holiday shifts.

When staff members are not working, they have the option of participating in LEAD — an extensive program combining worship, music, missions, recreation, and fellowship.

Activities include staff choir, vocal and instrumental ensembles, puppets, drama teams, Bible study, coffeehouse activities, area missions, revival teams, intramural and intercamp sports, hiking, and camping. Special fellowships for the staff are planned each Friday night of the summer.

Inquiries should be addressed to George Boswell, Personnel Director, P. O. Box 128, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770.

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State Legislation Updates Given

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or distribution of sexual oriented materials have both passed the Senate.

The Senate and House bills are quite similar, having to do with the protection of minors with reference to obscenity. These proposed statutes have features that have been tested in the courts of other states and should stand the constitutional tests and be enforceable.

Questions have been raised concerning the constitutionality of certain features of the omnibus obscenity bill that was being proposed in both houses. It seems that there has been an agreement to wait until certain features of these bills have been tested by the courts in order to avoid wasted motion and tax payers' money.

Senate Bill 2364 concerning youth court work has some excellent features in it and has passed the Senate and is in House Judiciary B Committee. However, this bill as it is now written would prevent children from being assigned by Mississippi courts to the Baptist Children's Village, and last year three-fourths of all admissions to the Village came from the courts. Children in the custody of the court should not be assumed to be delinquent. It would enable the State Welfare Department to tell the courts what to do instead of the courts assuming this prerogative that is rightfully theirs. This bill will no doubt be amended by the House or not passed. Hopefully, it will be amended to give the judges discretion in placing the children, rather than leaving this to the Welfare Department.

Senate Bill 2027 that would permit advertising of alcoholic beverages is still in Judiciary A. It is felt by opponents that such is out of character with our purpose of prohibition in the State of Mississippi and that advertising of alcoholic beverages should not be permitted.

House Bill 934 that would continue the 3% markup on alcoholic beverages to fund treatment and rehabilitation, as well as prevention, and educational programs is still in the Ways and Means Committee. This is a good bill.

House Bill 43 that would allocate 1/2 the excise taxes from alcoholic beverages to the county or municipality where collected is still in Ways & Means Committee.

House Bill 1291 which would allocate to municipalities and counties 50% of the sales tax revenues collected therein on alcoholic beverages and beer to be used for educational purposes is still in the Ways and Means Committee.

The bills to regulate smoking in public places and elevators died on the calendars of the House and the Senate.

The blood alcohol content bills of the House have died in committee.

House Bill 651 that would make beer and wine sale hours restricted only from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. died on the calendar.

However, Senate Bill 2480 concerning tax exemption of building materials and furnishings to churches is still alive in the Senate Finance Committee.

Also, Senate Bill 2428 that would require school boards to establish school breakfast programs has passed the Senate and has been referred to the House Education and Appropriations Committee. Thirty percent of the Mississippi schools now furnish breakfast that is altogether financed by federal funds.

House Bill 1122 that excludes certain raffles from gambling statutes states: "shall not apply to any raffle being held where the prize is offered by a non-profit, civic, educational or religious organization." This has passed the House and is now in the Senate. This bill may be unconstitutional according to Section 98 of the Mississippi Constitution.

Upcoming At Gulfshore

Here's the schedule for Gulfshore Baptist Assembly through March. Some of these dates can accommodate other groups. Groups interested in using the facilities, contact Frank Simmons, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571, or phone 452-7261.

- Feb. 23 —Mississippi Religious Education Association luncheon
- March 1-2 —Baptist-Catholic Dialogue
- March 2-3 —Florida Blvd. Baptist Church Adult Choir retreat from Baton Rouge, La.
- March 9-11 —Keesler Protestant Chaplains
- March 12-15 —Southern Association Leadership Conference
- March 23-24 —Gulfshore Baptist Assembly staff reunion
- March 29-31 —Baptist Student Union Leadership Training Conference

Alaska . . .

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Meridian; and he held pastorates at Friendship, McComb; First Baptist, Carthage; and First Baptist, Sharon.

During Prince's eight years of service in Alaska, annual Cooperative Program receipts increased from \$87,519 in 1971 to \$226,239 in 1977. A ten-year high point in baptisms was achieved in 1978, marking the third consecutive year of increased baptisms. A family service center with children's home and counseling services was constructed.

The Prince family will make their temporary home in Conway, Ark., with their son and daughter-in-law the Michael Princes, faculty members at the University of Central Arkansas. The address is 706 Faulkner, Conway, Ark. 72032.

Better know nothing than half-know many things. — Nietzsche

Missionaries

Home From Iran

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one of their greatest opportunities to be a part of the community. All five family members played ball with other members of the Western community. As they played they met many people who had questions about why they were in Iran.

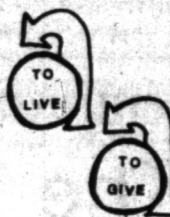
Mrs. Glenn said she was surprised at the serious questions someone from the other team would ask her while they ran the bases. She played second and often talked with the runners.

"Some such Americans go overseas to get away from problems," Mrs. Glenn said. "Many of the people just needed a lot of love and a fresh start."

The Americans are gone from Ahwaz, but good memories remain with the Glenn family. "We have no idea about the future," Glenn said. "We want to go back, but we'll go somewhere else if we can't return to Iran."

(Fowler is a FMB Newswriter).

Now is the Time . . .



Acteen Queen's Court: At Garaywa March 2-4

"Now is the time to live — to give" will be the theme for the Queen's Court to be at Camp Garaywa March 2-4, for Acteens who have completed a level in Stuidact within the past year.

Becky Briscoe, consultant, state WMU Department, said that this theme was chosen to emphasize that "for Acteens, missions is not something out in the future, but is something that can begin for them right now."

"To be involved in missions now or in the future," she said, "they should be developing their minds; they should be growing spiritually; they should be learning to make the most of the charm and talents that they have. If they are not beauties, then they should try to look the best that they possibly can. Now is the time to prepare themselves for the best service they can possibly give in the future, no matter what careers they choose."

Program guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Bob Magee, Mrs. Carol Waller, Mrs. Barbara Joiner, and Miss Nay Bennett.

Career missionaries who will lead conferences are Bob and Dolores Magee, missionaries to Colombia. He is involved in a music promotion ministry and she is a missionary homemaker. In addition to caring for their home and two children, she leads young people in a puppet ministry.

Two Christian homemakers who will lead conferences are Mrs. Carol Waller, Jackson, and Mrs. Barbara Joiner, Columbiana, Ala.

Mrs. Waller will direct a small group study in Christian homemaking, and also will speak to all the court participants. Particularly she will talk

about her life as wife of a former Mississippi governor and as first lady of the state — how it was possible to share her Christian witness while in the public spotlight.

Mrs. Joiner is a homemaker and Acteens leader, married to the purchasing agent for a wholesale grocery firm in Birmingham. She is the mother of two teen-age daughters. Her writing has appeared in WMU magazines and she is author of the fourth book in the WMU Spiritual Life Development Series, *The Dynamic Woman I Am*.

Nay Bennett is activities director at Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center and is enrolled at New Orleans Seminary. She will discuss the work at Sellers Home. A native of Jackson, she has been a student summer missionary in New York and worked at Camp Garaywa for two summers.

Several conferences will revolve around the family and peer group — dating, charm and personality.

Also Christian women in varied careers will tell about how they have been able to mix Christianity and their jobs — a business woman, a lawyer, a teacher, a nurse, a missionary.

For the banquet to be held on Saturday evening, Ray Bridges, Baptist student director at Holmes Junior College and pastor of Main Street, Goodman, will be the speaker. He will use his avocation as a magician to enlarge on the weekend theme, "Now is the time to live, to give."

The cost for the weekend is \$15. A pre-registration fee of \$5 should be sent to WMU, Box 530, Jackson MS 39205, with the registration for Acteens and leaders. The remaining \$10 will be due upon arrival at Camp Garaywa, March 2.

"In God We Trust . . ."

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incorrectly credited with single-handed having prayer and Bible reading removed from public school classrooms in a pair of highly misunderstood Supreme Court decisions in 1962 and 1963.

Her case was actually one of three separate cases decided by the high court in the two rulings. Then Madalyn Murray and living in Baltimore, Md., she brought the case challenging a requirement that the Lord's Prayer be recited or that a chapter of the Bible be read in the city's classrooms.

The Supreme Court, in an 8-1 decision, sided with her and with a Pennsylvania man who in a companion suit challenged his state's requirement that the Bible be read publicly before the beginning of school each day.

The year before, the justices had likewise declared unconstitutional a

prayer composed by the New York State Board of Regents which was required to be read each day in every public school in the state.

In neither case did the high court ban prayer and Bible reading by individual pupils. On the contrary, several of the justices took pains to explain that their decisions were not intended to be anti-religious or to discourage the study of the Bible as academic material. What they did find unconstitutional were state-mandated devotional exercises.

Both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs went on record at the time in support of the Supreme Court decisions. The Washington organization, supported by Southern Baptists and seven other U.S. Baptist bodies, has since worked against repeated efforts to require devotional exercises in the public schools.



Front Row, Left to right: Lori Fountain, Shirley Gross, Dolores Holliman, Gail Billingsley, and Amelia Bryon; Back Row, Left to right: Tommy Lee, Alan Karlak, Keith Buchanan, Dudley Dabbs, Ricky Lee, Brian Furr, and Larry Gilbert.

"The Fishermen" Witness Through Music Medium

Jesus called out to them, "Come follow me! And I will make you fishermen for the souls of men!" Mark 1:17 (LB)

Sponsored by the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi State University, THE FISHERMEN present a Christian witness through the medium of contemporary religious music. The group's purpose is to glorify God by sharing the Gospel through music, scripture, and testimony.

This year's FISHERMEN are Lori Fountain, a sophomore from Forest; Alan Karlak, a sophomore from Jackson; Ricky Lee, a junior from Picayune; Dolores Holliman, a freshman from Caledonia; Dudley Dabbs, a senior from Quitman; Shirley Gross, a sophomore from Tupelo; Amelia Bryon, a senior from Clinton;

Gail Billingsley, a freshman from Nesbit; Keith Buchanan, a junior from Indianola; Tommy Lee, a senior from Picayune; Larry Gilbert, a junior from Picayune; and Brian Furr, a freshman from Picayune. Only one member of the group is a music major, the rest major in anything from engineering to fashion design.

The group is composed of singers, bass guitarist, drummer, pianist, synthesizer, and sound technician. THE FISHERMEN share Christ in a number of different ways, including worship services, concerts, retreats, school assemblies, youth rallies, banquets, in short, anywhere that God leads.

For additional information about the group please contact: THE FISHERMEN, Baptist Student Union, Drawer BU, Mississippi State, MS 39769.

White Oak Exceeds Goal

White Oak Church, Smith Association, reached its Lottie Moon Offering goal of \$1500 and gave a total of \$2,471.39. This was the largest offering for Foreign Missions in the history of the church.

W. G. Dowdy, pastor and Cleta Overby gave several reasons for the expression of love through giving: a

Foreign Mission Rally with Orman Gwynn, missionary from Brazil, speaker; a church wide mission supper featuring foods prepared from foreign recipes; an excellent Week of Prayer directed by Joyce Ziegler, Baptist women mission study leader; and a church wide study of the foreign mission books.

Nine Cities Will Host Missions Awareness Meets

Nine cities in Mississippi will host sites of Missions Awareness Conferences March 26-27.

The conferences, sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department are designed to help Baptist Men's and Royal Ambassadors' leadership in discovering ministry projects on the local, associational, intrastate, Home and Foreign Missions levels.

Orientation will be given in disaster response and training will be provided

to associational and church mission committees.

The conferences to be held on March 26 will be at the First Baptist churches in the following cities: Senatobia, New Albany, Greenwood, Starkville, and Gulfport.

The March 27 conferences will be held at First Baptist Church, Newton; Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; First Baptist Church, Brookhaven; and First Baptist Church, Clinton.

Each conference will begin at 7 p.m., concluding at 8:45 p.m.

Business Officers Will Meet In Dallas, Texas

Twenty program participants will discuss more than a dozen denominational church and agency-related business topics at the 17th Southern Baptist Business Officers Conference in Dallas, Tex., March 14-16.

Theme of the three-day conference at the Southern Baptist Annuity Board's 511 North Akard Building will be "Bold Management: Establishing Controls."

22 At Belzoni

200 Register, To Talk About How To Plan A Youth Week

Around 200 persons attended "How to Plan a Youth Week" conferences Jan 29-Feb. 2. The number at each of eight meetings ranged from 20 to 36. Most of those taking part were lay people.

Martha Jo Glazner, editor, Baptist Youth, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., led the conference at First Church, Belzoni, on Feb. 1, where 22 were present. Miss Glazner also was in charge of similar conferences at Harrisburg, Tupelo; First, Columbus; and First, Batesville.

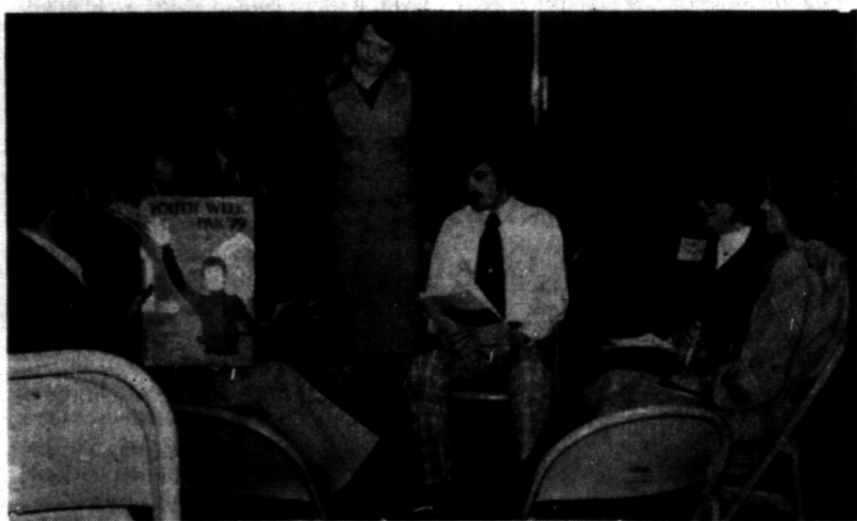
Wanda Pearce, special youth worker for Arkansas Baptists' Church Training Department, led four conferences — at First, Meridian; First, Hattiesburg; First, Brookhaven; and First, Clinton.

Larry Garner, consultant, Church Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said that conference of this type, for planning youth weeks, were held two years ago. At that time, 400 enrolled.

In small group sessions, participants discussed the purpose of Youth Weeks and ways it can benefit different groups in the church, long-range planning for Youth Week, promoting Youth Week, activities for the week itself, and ways to involve different groups of people in the church in the planning and activities.

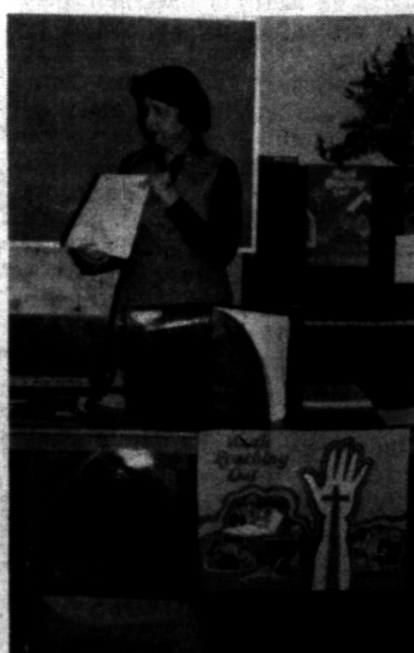
A list of "things to be done," from October until the time of Youth Week in the spring, included "present to pastor; discuss dates and theme; present to church council and deacons; present to the church; select steering committee; church elects selects Youth Week officers; finalize Youth Week schedule; begin publicity; youth choir begins to learn the Youth Week music; provide training for the Youth Week officers; hold Youth Week."

Miss Glazner and Miss Pearce distributed Youth Week Pak, '79. Each of



Martha Jo Glazner, center, editor for BAPTIST YOUTH at the Sunday School Board in Nashville, led the "How to Plan a Youth Week Conference" at First Church, Belzoni, on February 1.

these has the following collection: Guidebook, Conducting Youth Week in 1979; promotional posters; cutout letters for a theme banner; Youth Week music; a recording of the theme song, "Youth Reaching Out," by Jim Runyan, along with "What Would You Have Me Do?" and "When You Can't Reach Out"; Youth Reaching Out survey material; job descriptions for Youth Week positions that the young people will hold in the church; two promotional dramas to be presented as part of a Sunday or Wednesday night worship service or at Youth Week Planning Retreat; a guide for teaching adults in Sunday School; a guide for leading adults in Church Training; suggestions for a Youth Week Planning Retreat; worship ideas for Youth Week; sample Youth Week bulletin; sample Youth Week appreciation certificate; youth Bible drill and Speakers' Tournament brochures; and an evaluation questionnaire.



Miss Glazner displayed materials from the Youth Week Pak, '79.

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Editorials

Seminary, College, School Day . . . The Training Of Tomorrow's Leaders

Feb. 18 is Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day. This is not one of our better-known observations, yet it is a day of great significance. It is the day we call attention to the 71 institutions across the nation that train by far the greater portion of the leadership throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

There are six seminaries, 46 senior colleges, seven junior colleges, seven academies, and five Bible schools. There are few persons in positions of paid leadership in churches or denominational offices who have not been students in at least one of these

institutions. Many of them have been in more than one, and many have acquired their entire education in a Southern Baptist institution.

These 71 institutions are located in 16 states. Mississippi has four colleges with a seminary just across the Louisiana state line in New Orleans. All of these 16 states have more than one such institutions except for Oklahoma and Arizona, which have one each.

The day of recognition of these institutions is not an attempt to say that Southern Baptist leaders should go to Southern Baptist schools. It is a matter of fact, however, that most of the

people who do work on the staff of a church or denominational agency or board (including the schools themselves) have had training in either a Southern Baptist college or seminary.

Because of the significant role that such training plays in a successful ministry, this day of recognition has been established. The theme of the observation is, "Where Christian Values Make a Difference in Training Tomorrow's Leaders."

Education is becoming more and more expensive, and thus it is becoming more and more difficult for young men and women to attend a Southern

Baptist-related college. Our enrollments continue to increase, however, as these young people and their families see the value of such training.

Thus is entering into such an observation as Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day, let us realize that we are not paying tribute to real estate and brick buildings that are the visible aspects but to the administration, faculty, and staff of each institution. These people are the heart of this training effort and the ones who many times serve at a sacrifice in order to be involved in the training of tomorrow's leaders.

"You shall be witnesses unto me"—Acts 1:8



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

'A Lamp To My Feet'

Winter evenings, years ago, I studied by lamplight. Mama and Daddy sat in their rocking chairs by the fire while Betty and I propped our books on the edge of a small antique table centered by a lamp. Beyond the circle of light the corners of the room were shadowy.

Earlier at supper by lamplight we could see our plates and the food, and the faces around the table. In the dimness beyond, the red light of coals glowed through the slits in the stove.

To keep the lamp in working order the chimney had to be washed often, the wick charred to insure an even flame, kerosene and matches kept in adequate supply. (Kerosene was medicine, as well as lamp fuel. If Betty or I stepped on a nail, Grandma Allen would call out to Mama, "Johnny Lou, bring the kerosene!") Or if anybody suddenly became afflicted with a sore throat, Daddy declared that a drop or two of kerosene touched to the tongue would do wonders in easing it.)

One day while I was washing the chimney, I began to wonder what would happen if I broke it. Maybe I wouldn't have to study that night.

Then I remembered that it was the day for the rolling store to come by. Mama could buy another chimney there as well as she could buy fabric and thread for a dress, or baking soda, or gingerbread Stage Planks.

When we got a new radio and a new Aladdin lamp, neighbors came at night to listen to the Grand Ole Opry and marvel at the bright light shed by the delicate mantle of the new lamp. Yet this light could not dispel all the shadows even in one room.

If I wanted a drink of water at night, I had to take the lamp to the kitchen with me, very carefully, for I could see only a step or two ahead.

When I spent a winter night with Grandma Washburn I would sink deep into her feather bed in the cold front room. She would come to tuck the cover and spread another quilt across my feet. Then standing by the door, one hand on the knob, the other holding the lamp, she would turn and say, "Good night, dear, I hope you sleep well." Her long hair, usually pinned up, would be hanging in two long braids down her back, and the light would be shining on her long white nightgown. Behind her the hall was very dark, for Grandpa had already gone to bed.

"Thy word is a lamp to my feet," the psalmist wrote in Psalm 119. He was familiar with a little flickering, oil-burning light. Why would such a little light on a dark night remind him of God's Word? Maybe it was because he was used to trusting that lamp to show him how to take just his next step.

Marti Hefley in her book, *In His Steps Today*, wrote, "With modern lighting . . . streetlights, high-power beams from headlights and stuff, we are accustomed to being able to see way out in front of us all the time. . . . Maybe we need to depend on the Lord for guidance one step at a time. . . . That verse made me realize it takes more faith to follow step by step." "His Word is a lamp that we can use to illuminate our next step."

NOTE: Two or three weeks ago I wrote a column about my friend Genevieve. I have just discovered that nowhere in the article did I mention her last name. It is Zachary. On the first of February she celebrated her 40th year of marriage to John Clifton Zachary.

Mississippi Students At Southwestern

My father has found that our ancestry can be traced back to a legendary man in Scotland in the 17th Century named Rob Roy McGregor. Rob Roy did not find favor with the rules of England in his day. He was keeping in hiding the pretender to the British throne, and those who occupied that seat of government were anxious to take care of the situation. They felt Rob Roy was standing in the way.

Rob Roy and a friend found a need to make a trip to London, so Rob Roy told the friend to call him Mr. Campbell. This the friend did, and one occasion

called him that upon the return to Scotland. Rob Roy said, according to a novel by Sir Walter Scott, "Call me neither mister nor Campbell. My foot is on my native heath, and my name is McGregor."

I could identify with that recently as the Baptist Record and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board hosted a banquet for the Mississippi students at Southwestern Seminary. My name was McGregor, and I was in my native state.

It was an interesting occasion to me, a Texan, to be in Texas visiting with

Mississippians. If the Texans around them have been half as gracious and hospitable as I have found Mississippians to be, they should be enjoying their stay in Texas greatly.

In Fort Worth, as at the other two seminaries I have visited, I found the Mississippi students to be an alert and responsible group. They have a maturity and definite understanding of purpose that is to be admired. Mississippi Baptists can well be proud of our own who are equipping themselves for ministry at our seminaries.

While I was at Southwestern I drove

past the little house where I lived with my wife and one-year old daughter when I was a student there. That was 27 years ago. It was in this house that I made a decision to follow what seemed to be the evident will of God which has led to a career that has spanned these 27 years.

The Lord continues to lead as he did in the lives of Abraham and the Apostle Paul, as He has through these 27 years, and as He will in the lives of those seminarians of today and all who will follow Him. —DTM

Personally . . .

The writer and what must have been at least 1,000 others on Feb. 4 sat through an afternoon of as fine a time of entertainment and inspiration as could have been imagined. Cecil Harper, the well-known bass singer, and Myrna Loy Hedgepeth, just as well known as a soprano, presented a concert at the Municipal Auditorium in Jackson. Also a part of the concert were the Callaway Singers of Callaway High School in Jackson, directed by Martha Nielson.

Vera Scirratt of Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson accompanied Harper and Mrs. Hedgepeth.

Cecil and Myrna Loy are two of the finest. Their talents and abilities would match those to be found anywhere. They sang solos, and they sang duets. There are just not many places where one could go and find two such

capable people performing together, and it happened in our state. There were people from a large portion of the state in attendance.

This was a sacred concert. One can only appreciate the dedication and commitment that these two have that such ability would be used to serve the Lord. I would want to thank Cecil and Myrna Loy for the concert. It was presented on faith. Cecil rented the auditorium without knowing if he would get enough money from the love offering to pay expenses. Those who attended surely appreciated it and enjoyed it.

And a note of thanks is due the Callaway Singers. This is certainly a well disciplined and a very able choir. The director is to be applauded and congratulated. —DTM

POCKET GUIDE TO THE NEW TESTAMENT by Francis Foulkes (InterVarsity, paper, 159 pp., \$2.25) The author describes the background of each New Testament book, outlines its contents, and provides study questions. A handy subject index is included.

THE NEW TESTAMENT ENGLISH VERSION FOR THE DEAF (Baker Book House, \$7.95, 664 pages) This is a translation of the Bible designed especially for deaf people. It is based directly on the original Greek of the New Testament. Brief explanations or synonyms of certain words in the text are placed in parentheses and italicized. Words or phrases that need fuller explanation are followed by an asterisk and explained in footnotes at the bottom of the page. Scripture quotations are identified and variant readings are frequently given in footnotes.

THE WOMAN WHO LOVED PAUL by Winthrop and Frances Neilson (Doubleday, 224 pp., \$7.95) This novel is based on facts that are known about the last turbulent years in the life of the apostle Paul. The facts are drawn chiefly from the writings of Paul and Luke. The events are seen through the eyes of Priscilla, wife of Aquila, who undoubtedly was to Paul a very close and devoted friend. Forced to flee from their native Rome because of religious persecution, Priscilla and Aquila settle in Corinth, a strange, corrupt city. Their tentmaking business flourishes there, and they meet Paul. Later they follow him to Ephesus, and are with him during his final days in Rome. This is a warm and touching story, educational as well as entertaining, for it sheds light on characters and events in the early days of the Christian church.

Book Reviews

Guest Opinion . . .

An Apologia Of Christian Education

A Vital Link in the Fulfillment of the "Great Commission"

By Gary N. Garner
Dean of Academic Affairs
Clarke College

(Matthew 28:19-20)

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, Amen."

As a body of believers in God and His redemptive purposes for mankind, as recorded in the Bible, Southern Baptists have been inspired virtually beyond competition with like faiths to take the above commandment and carry it out in the broadest way possible. We speak of these two verses as being the "Great Commission," and indeed they are, but more specifically the first part is a commandment of "Go . . . teach . . . baptize (make disciples) . . . and observe," and then comes Jesus' commitment to us of His presence, as we fulfill this commandment. The Greek really says, "as you are going, teach . . . baptize . . . and Baptists we plan to stay."

We fulfill this commandment in several ways, such as in our efforts to honor God by having Christian homes, where we teach our children God's principles for their lives, by exemplifying Christ in our actions on our jobs, by worshipping regularly at God's house, by private Bible study, and by surrendering our lives to a fulltime religious vocation, that might direct us to a specific service here at home or abroad. In all these areas mentioned, one is practicing the admonition of this commandment, namely to be a bold and courageous witness wherever the Lord would lead us on this earth.

In order for Christians to best fulfill the charges within the "Great Commission," namely that of "teaching and making disciples," training in a wholesome environment is needed. There are various levels of training

implied: in the home by parents, at church by Sunday School teachers and pastor, and in school. Historically, as we know, even primary and secondary education started under Christian auspices. The legacy that Christian educators in America started in the early years has been continued unbroken by various religious denominations, but by none, however, more conscientiously than by Southern Baptists in their academies, colleges, and universities.

I know, first hand, what studying and teaching in a Baptist college means, since I have been associated with four from 1963, when I began as a freshman at Mississippi College. After graduation in 1967, I was privileged to study abroad for one year in my major field of foreign languages under a government Fulbright scholarship and then return to the University of Mississippi to complete my Master's degree in German, French, and Spanish in August, 1969. I then accepted my first teaching appointment at Wayland College, a fine Baptist college in far West Texas in the city of Plainview. After further graduate study at the University of Colorado, I accepted a new appointment in 1965 at Louisiana College, which was near Louisiana State University, where I completed my doctorate in 1969. In that same year, I accepted the chairmanship of the Department of Foreign Languages at Dallas Baptist College, Dallas, Texas, where I served until coming to the deanship of Clarke College in 1977.

Yes, I believe strongly in Christian education. Christian education is an integral part of the "Great Commission," which I believe, includes that area of the earth on which the Christian resides at any time. Just as the positive aspects of the history of western civilization and society have been nurtured by Christianity, so is our society today. Inherent all along in the purpose of the Christian liberal arts college has been that extra portion of emphasis on moral values and the inculcation of them in the classroom, not

in the place of the major subject matter of the courses taught, but as it were, a bit of salt for seasoning. Exemplification of Christian principles and attitudes must ensue as a normal course of action, and certainly never be contrived.

The Christian college has a unique role of being a leader in articulating the importance of moral education. Only such deliberate education will save our generation from cynicism and an absence of hope, since contemporary secularism will not, yea, cannot, provide the answer. Secularism, by definition, is "a system of doctrines and practices that rejects any form of religious faith and worship, . . . especially in public education." The moral and ethical decline in our times is evident on every hand. Solzhenitsyn in his address at Harvard University in May, 1978, indicted our society for a lack of moral and ethical practice among our bureaucratic leadership, from which "Watergate" and the likes are born. How far we really are down the "primrose path" of secularism was not articulated more clearly by Solzhenitsyn than was done by several of the commentators afterwards. They belittled his message as old fashioned and irrelevant, but, oh, how little did they know that their observations indicated them as being blind to eternal values, which were likely absent in their educational experience. More simply stated, "development of character" has been lacking in public education. It was the central purpose of education in earlier days when the leadership sought to develop both good scholars and good, morally courageous graduates. Likewise, I firmly believe that we should teach today in the Christian college in a manner whereby we transmit as a matter of course a value system which includes unapologetically a "development of character." That can only be done sufficiently by committed Christians in the educational environment.

Erroneously, the majority of people

today look upon the Christian colleges as primarily schools for ministers, missionaries and the like, but virtually without exception their numbers rarely exceed 25% - 30% of the enrollment of a given college and the remainder will be in legitimate secular fields that we also need to share the benefits of an education within a Christian context at our Baptist colleges. The Christian layman is better prepared, as a rule, to fulfill his role in the "Great Commission," if he has had his training in an environment of Christian love and compassion.

We who serve at Clarke College are challenged to make it a center of both faith and learning as they relate to practical Christian values. We must remember that neither we nor our students are value-free. Inculcating Christian values in our teaching and our administration work is what Clarke College is all about. Without such, Clarke College would be just another mediocre educational institution at the mercy of a decreasing student population and an inflationary economy.

In conclusion, I believe that Clarke College has been fulfilling, and is destined to fulfill even greater, its role within the "Great Commission." To do so, however, will require greater vision and energy from all of us; namely, staff, faculty, alumni, and Clarke College's constituency everywhere. The rewards are manifold for the Kingdom of God, in whose vineyards we as Christians serve.

Individuals are occasionally guided by reason, crowds never. — Dean W. R. Inge.

Finding a way to live the simple life today is man's most complicated task. — Henry A. Courtney.

The really happy man is the one who can enjoy the scenery when he has to take a detour.

Letters to the Editor

Women's Apparel

Editor:

In response to an letter in the Baptist Record of Jan. 26 written to the editor by Mr. H. C. Breland of Lucedale, I submit the following for your consideration. I have heard preachers use Deut. 22:5 to condemn the wearing of pants or pants suits by women today. God has always taught for there to be a distinction made between males and females. Under the Old Testament system God said this: "the woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God." (Deut. 22:5). Even though this shows that under the Old Testament Law God intended for men and women to be different and to appear different, this is not a verse to use to try to prove that women are not to wear women's pants suits as they do today. On that same context we read, "Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as a woollen and linen together" (Deut. 22:11). While one uses Deut. 22:5 to condemn women for wearing pants, he usually condemns his own self, for most of the time he or she will have on some clothing of a combination of materials. We are not under the Old Law (Colossians 2:14 and Galatians 3). Bobby Jefcoat, Clarksdale

Greetings From Taiwan

Editor:

Greetings from Taiwan the Republic of China, which, as you well know, is in the news presently. The ministries of outreach have been hampered by the turn of events but we are planning for the next three years intensively now and for the next 20 years on long range basis. That is proof enough that as Baptists we plan to stay.

We have just signed contracts for two new houses in Taiwan and just occupied two more in Haulien. Taiwan appears to be the site of the continuing U.S. presence for the next several years, through civilian contractors who are carrying on testing programs

in conjunction with Air Asia, an American firm doing repair work for the American military on Taiwan. We have an English language work in that city.

The general knowledge that Mr. Carter is a Southern Baptist has created a few problems. Southern Baptist missionaries have been treated warmly and the Chinese have gone out of their way to make us feel welcome. We do have the general advantage of living on the local economy and speaking the language. For instance, all our automobiles have tags exactly like all the Chinese but unlike diplomats and U.S. Military.

Please encourage your readers to pray for us and to become knowledgeable of the fact that in the Republic of Taiwan they have more than 100 missionaries serving, but in the People's Republic missionaries are not welcomed and the Communists there still suppress religious activities. Stanley E. Bergquist, Jr., Missionary SBC Teacher, Taiwan Baptist Mission

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Annie Armstrong

An Inspiration For Involvement

By Gwen Long
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Annie Walker Armstrong was involved in missions. For her, involvement was a lifestyle. For Southern Baptists the life of Annie Armstrong inspires involvement.

Annie Armstrong, the first corresponding secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, lived a life of active concern for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 1880, she and her sister, Alice, learned that children at an Indian mission school needed clothes. To meet that need, they organized the women of their church, Eutaw Place Baptist in Baltimore, Maryland, in missionary societies. Before long, Annie was inspiring women all over her city, her state, and her denomination to learn about and support the missionary endeavors of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Annie visited churches in the surrounding area to help organize and encourage women in missions. She and Alice distributed leaflets about home and foreign missions and spoke at women's society meetings. They were convinced of the need to teach women and children about missions.

She was an example as she led women to teach illiterates and immigrants to read and write. She worked with ethnic groups. She studied, experimented, and taught what she had learned.

Marjorie Allen, a former Maryland WMU executive, recalls Miss Armstrong as a "civic-minded, sympathetic woman."

She said, "Annie Armstrong had a leading part in the founding and management of a number of institutions in Baltimore." Among those was an orphanage, a hospital, a home for the aged, and a nursing home.

"I particularly remember her in connection with the orphanage," said Miss Allen, who visited the orphanage with Miss Armstrong during her college years. "Every Sunday, after the session, all the children would file past her. She'd have a kind word and a stick of candy for each one. Hundreds benefited from her love and concern."

As early as 1868 missions-conscious women gathered for prayer and fellowship during the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention. They encouraged one another and prayed that efforts might be expanded.

Annie Armstrong, among other women, felt that if the women's missions work was to grow, then existing societies all over the Convention must organize to augment the work of the missions boards. Thus, in 1888, in Richmond, Virginia, Woman's Missionary Union was founded. At that same meeting Miss Armstrong was elected corresponding secretary, a position she held without pay for 18 years.

"For over a decade she had cooperated with Southern Baptist women," said former WMU executive secretary Kathleen Mallory, "so that at

Richmond her clear statements call forth the vote to organize."

Miss Armstrong also "advocated gifts which inaugurated the denomination's annuity plan and church building fund," Miss Mallory recalled.

In 1894, Annie was told that the Home Mission Board owed a large sum of money. Already an offering and week of prayer for foreign missions had been instituted, and in response to the plea for help from the Board, Annie led in establishing a week of self-denial for home missions. The week's purpose was to teach Southern Baptists and to gather an offering for home missions.

Annie Armstrong committed herself and the women of the Convention-wide WMU to raise \$5,000 — a goal which was surpassed.

Even after her retirement in 1906, Miss Armstrong was supportive of missions. Her former pastor, Clyde

Atkins of Baltimore, remembers Miss Annie as being "tall, stately, and erect even in her old age."

"She was active as long as she was able," Atkins recalls. "Even during the three years she was confined to her home, her mind was alert. Her prayers continued for workers in ministries she had started and in all other Christian work."

At the age of 88, in 1938, Annie Armstrong died. In 1934 the home missions offering was re-named the Annie W. Armstrong Offering in honor of her self-giving love and commitment to missions.

Her name and the offering serve as reminders, an inspiration for involvement through prayer and financial support to home missions. The Week of Prayer for Home Missions for 1979 is observed March 4-11. The goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is \$15,000,000. (WMU)



Love

By Cathy Pierce, 17
East Salem (Greene)

Love is many, many things.

To each it's different — what love might mean

I think all would agree, it's true

Love's never independent — it's shared by two

Love is something we all try to find

We search our hearts; we search our minds

But love is something many have missed

It's not started by sex; or kindled by a kiss

Christ is the basis, the foundation, the mold

No other way has ever been told

Sure there are imitations. There are plenty of fakes

But the original way is the way Christ makes

The beginning of love is with Jesus my King

I'm sure you'll find it's more than a ring.

Love suffers much and is so kind

Cares not for itself and to others isn't blind

Love never envies, it's friendly instead

Always smiling, it's where happiness is bred

Love is happy, not long-faced or sad

Love isn't angry or violent or mad

Love is forgiving and forgetful too

It remembers not iniquity done against it, that's true

Love joys not in evil but rejoices in truth

Love is giving, it shares as a rule

Love bears all things and helps with it all

Love hopes everything and endurance isn't small

Love is the greatest; it never fails

When all else has, love still prevails

Love is long-lasting from beginning to when?

Love lasts forever; it never ever ends

Love is so powerful when united by two

Love sent from God and meant to be used

You say you love, yet fall down on these

Tell me, my friend, how much have you loved?

(Based on 1 Corinthians 13)

Group Completes Marriage Certification Workshop

Recently at the Baptist Building in Jackson a group of eleven couples completed their certification workshop experience for marriage enrichment leadership.

The workshop was conducted by Richard Waggener of the Family Ministry Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Those working toward certification are the George F. Lees, Columbia; the Bradley Pope, Clinton; the Billy Johnsons, Hattiesburg; the Eugene Roberts, Brookhaven; the John Marshalls, the David Worthingtons, the Leon Emerys, the Charles Smiths, the Tom Hudsons, and the Clark Hensleys, all of Jackson; plus Joe Ratcliff, Collins.

In reporting the certification workshops, Hensley, director of the Christian Action Commission, said that there are other competent people over the state who have been in a number of marriage enrichment experiences conducted in Mississippi within the last five years.

Retreats have been conducted under

the auspices of the Christian Action Commission in Grenada, Greenville, Cleveland, Benoit, Meridian, Vicksburg, Jackson, Amory and on the Gulf Coast.

Church groups interested in marriage enrichment should contact the Christian Action Commission, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205 for referrals of competent leadership persons.

Trace Ridge Will Dedicate New Building

Trace Ridge Baptist Church of Ridgeland will celebrate its first anniversary and the dedication of its new church building on Sunday, February 18, 1979.

Under the auspices of the Dedication Chairmen; Mrs. Margaret Bennett, Mrs. Barbara J. Johnson and Troy D. McPhail, and committee members, an exciting day has been planned with the schedules as follows: Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.; special music program — 10:20 — 11:00 a.m.; morning worship service — 11:00 a.m.; and a special service of dedication will be held at 2:30 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Joseph N. Triplett, minister of pastoral care, First Baptist Church, Jackson, will be the guest speaker for the morning worship service. Triplett was the first minister to supply pulpit for the newly organized church, and the congregation is looking forward to his sharing this memorable occasion with them.

Fred Tarpley, executive director, Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, will be the featured speaker for the special service of dedication. Tarpley was instrumental in pioneering the church's organization through the final construction of the building program, serving as interim pastor from April, 1978, through January, 1979.

Barbara and Keith Bennett, First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, Mississippi, will be the guest musicians for the dedication service.

Trace Ridge Baptist Church has grown from 94 charter members to 144 members, with a Sunday School enrollment of 176, in the one year of organization. The Sunday School attendance goal for the special day is 200. Trace Ridge Baptist Church is located at 238 East Lake Harbor Drive in Ridgeland (approximately 5 blocks East of Billups Station on Old Highway 51 North). The congregation extends a cordial invitation to attend these important services.

My philosophy is, and always has been, that four good laughs a day are the best therapy. Being in front of people makes my juices flow. It's my adrenalin, my high. — Bob Hope

On Stewardship

If we've failed to give back to Him all that's His own.

Perhaps, through experience, we've learned as we've grown

That living is giving, in reverse they will mean

That some past remissions, we've a chance to redeem.

Yes, "Giving is Living," the Angel said

In the poem about breaking sweet charity's bread

They're interdependent, we can't really live

Unless we love and to love means to give.

And then the wondering question came,

"Must we be giving again and again?"

'Tis said that the answer pierced through and through:

"Just give 'til the Master stops giving to you."

Then what is to say that He hasn't a plan

For testing our love to our fellow man?

He so loved that he gave, with no line between

For life everlasting, John Three Sixteen.

—Valerie B. Howell

(Freely ye have received, freely give.

The words of the Master on how to live;

What better authority has anyone?

He made us, then bought us by the blood of His Son.)

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On

Stewardship

Clarke Class Of 1929 Plans Reunion, Seeks Addresses

The Class of 1929 of Clarke College, Newton, is considering getting together for a 50-year reunion, according to Mrs. R. H. (Lucille) Riggins of Learned, who was in the class.

The date of the reunion, and the decision on whether or not to have it, will depend upon response to letters that are being sent out now.

"We would like to have the correct addresses of all the members of that class," Mrs. Riggins said. "Many of them we have not been able to locate because we do not know the women's

married names. We need these addresses so that everyone in the class can be included in the discussion of a reunion."

Mrs. Riggins' husband, Haman, Class of 1928, has consented to help with this effort. Those wishing to send addresses or other information may write to R. H. Riggins at Learned, Miss. 39093 (phone 885-6508) or to Mrs. Willa Mabry McClenahan, 108 Patrick Avenue, Newton, Miss. 39345, who was a member of the Class of 1929.

MC Chosen As 1 In 25 For Liberal Arts Workshop

Mississippi College has been selected as one of 25 schools in the U.S. to participate in a workshop on the liberal arts to be held June 17-July 4 on the campus of Colorado College. Funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc., the conference will bring together college representatives to discuss specific liberal arts problems and major issues confronting liberal arts colleges and universities.

Lilly Endowment, Inc., began contributing funds to Mississippi College in 1975 to support a three-year faculty development program. The liberal arts workshop is another in a series of projects sponsored by Lilly Endowment.

The Mississippi College committee hopes to accomplish two primary objectives during the course of the workshop: to concentrate on practical skills and to improve the "employability" of liberal arts graduates.

Mississippi College was the sole institution in Mississippi chosen as a participant in the 1979 liberal arts workshop and one of only six colleges and universities in the Southeastern area.

Members of the Mississippi College liberal arts workshop team are

Charles Martin, Vice President for Academic Affairs; James Burnside, professor of mathematics; Mrs. Doris Graves, instructor of Latin; and Phillips McCarty, professor of religious education.

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Names In The News



Sunshine Church recently honored Mike Willoughby and his family on the occasion of his fifth anniversary as pastor. The church gave a reception and presented a money tree. Willoughby and family moved to Sunshine the first week in January, 1974.

Locust Street Church, McComb has awarded perfect attendance pins in Sunday School to Stanley Bowman, 20 years; Ina May, 11 years; and Shane Johnson, five years. Six from the church competed in the recent district keyboard festival at East McComb Church. The six were Shane Johnson, Janet Hux, Steve Hux, Patty Fox, Tanya Hux, and Becky O'Quin. Each of these received a Superior rating.



Strayhorn Church, Tate County, ordained three deacons on Jan. 14 — Rickey Cole, Carlton Ross, and Tommy Rhodes. Ed Campbell of Evansville Church, Tate County, delivered the ordination sermon. Left to right, above, are Cecil Cole, pastor, Rickey Cole, Ross, Campbell, and Rhodes.



Freddie Cook, director of maintenance at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, at Pass Christian, has been elected a member of the Pass Christian City Planning Committee.

Jerry and Lynn Barrett, missionaries to Hong Kong, may be addressed at 169 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong. He was born in Marshall, Texas. The former Lynn Madison, she was born in Winston-Salem, N. C., and grew up there, New Orleans, La., Eastman, Ga., and Clinton and Newton, Miss.

Hinkle Church, Alcorn County, has ordained James Edward Parvin and Donnie F. Lovell as deacons. Bobby Burrell is pastor.



L. E. Green, former pastor at Prentiss Church, now retired, taught the study of the book of Mark at the church Jan. 28-31. While he and Mrs. Green were at Prentiss, the church celebrated his birthday, Jan. 30. The pastor, David Michel, presented a birthday cake. Green shared his gift with all those present.

Kirby Tyrone, a member of the Prentiss Church, stated, "Night after night Dr. Green extracted and interpreted the truths of the book in his most skillful style. The large number who heard him will readily agree that he still remains an outstanding spiritual powerhouse for the Lord."

David Yeager has assumed the pastorate of the College Parkway Baptist Church of Arnold, Maryland. He moved there from Pinola (Simpson) where he served as pastor of the Pinola and Strong River churches. A native of Mobile, Ala., he is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Becki Jones of Houston, Ms. They have two children, Rob and Sarah.

Their new address is: 1433 Millwood Court, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Proud 'Folk' Are Responsible For Anchor Church's Addition

By Jesse Phillips
(Reprinted from
THE OXFORD EAGLE)

The folk of the Anchor community are a proud folk and rightfully so. The new addition to the Anchor Baptist Church, Lafayette County, which was completed last week, is indicative.

Perhaps the significant part of this is that the 1,680 ft. brick veneer educational wing has been completely paid for... much of this was because of the generous gift of \$10,000.00 which was made by Jack Williams, one of the charter members of Anchor Church.

"Mr. Jack" is a 75-year-old retired farmer, who moved to the Anchor community in the fall of 1933. He is one of the three first ordained deacons who are still living. The other deacons are George Ellis Chrestman and V. Tidwell and these men still reside in Lafayette County. With the growth of the church additional deacons have been added from the original number of three. Presently serving as active deacons are: Gelain Green, Johnny Brown, Don Ferguson, Jimmy Murphree, Robert McCain and Elvin Hensley.

Also making a significant contribution of his time and giving careful structural supervision was Elvin Hensley, who presently serves as chairman of deacons. Hensley worked in the capacity as "chief carpenter" and is teacher of the young adult men's Sunday School class.

Men of the church volunteered their time and worked on Saturdays as well as holidays. Hensley estimated at least 30 men of the church have worked "at one time or the other." "When we were roofing the building, there was a total of 18 men working on top and they decked one side — about 11 squares — in 45 minutes," he commented.

The church had about \$2,700.00 in the building fund when the membership voted to build the addition and it is estimated that the total cost will be between \$12,000 - \$13,000, according to Dan Robertson, pastor. A new five-ton heat pump will make the seven new Sunday School and Church Training rooms comfortable both in summer and winter.

Jack Williams is a humble Christian man, but at the same time is proud that he could help his people with this worthy project. He has served as Sunday School and Church Training Director and teacher of a Sunday School class. He is now serving as assistant teacher.

Anchor church was organized in 1935 and the small group of worshippers met in a dwelling which was located across the highway in a cotton field from the existing church.

The first church building was a

frame structure and was built in 1936... this was remodeled several times. The present brick structure was built in 1969 and the pastorium was constructed in 1961.

Mrs. Florence Anderson had a significant role in the early life of Anchor Church as she donated two acres of land for the church to purchase eight additional acres.

The members of the church have used this acreage through the years to grow cotton, sorghum and corn and the proceeds of these crops have assisted the church with the ministry that it projects in the community. This land is presently rented to members of the church.

This new addition was first put into use on Sunday, Oct. 29, which was high

attendance. The church experienced in November an average attendance of 100 or more in Sunday School, which is an all-time high.

"Brother Dan" assumed his role as pastor of the church on June 11, 1978 and since this time a total of 18 professions of faith have been made in the church. He came from New Hope Church, near Starkville, where he had served for five and one-half years. He is a native of Myrtle in Union County. His wife, Jane, is busy giving parental care to their two children — Jason, age three and Danielle, four months.

The church as a membership of 325. It is expected that work will get underway soon with plans to enlarge the auditorium from its present capacity of 175.

Just for The Record



MEADVILLE CHURCH celebrated the paying off of the note on its new pastorium Jan. 28 with a special service and dinner on the ground. In November of 1976, the church completed the \$65,000 pastor's home, borrowing \$30,000.00 from the Bank of Franklin. Open House was held on Jan. 16, 1977. Exactly two years and one day later, January 17, 1979, Charles Calcote, church treasurer, announced to the church family that as of January 5 of this year, the church was free of its indebtedness on the home, this having been accomplished in 26 months from the date the money was originally borrowed and 19 months from the date of the first payment.

In the special ceremony on the 28th, the pastor, Kenneth W. Jordan, recognized the contribution made by the Planning Committee (J. D. Cloy, Mack Saxon, and W. A. Crecink) and the Building Committee (W. A. Crecink, H. J. Price, A. P. Wilkinson, Mrs. Sarah Cloy, and Mrs. Kathy Jordan) and commended Calcote for a job well done. J. L. Coleman, chairman of deacons at this time the church entered the building program, led in a prayer of thanksgiving.

The three men who, acting as trustees of the church at that time, originally signed the note, were given the privilege of symbolically burning it in behalf of the church. They are, above, H. J. Price, Alton Wilkinson, and W. A. Crecink. Eldred Wallace, interim minister of music, then led the congregation in singing the Doxology.

Staff Changes

Clark Street Mission, sponsored by First Church, New Albany, has called C. C. Ard as full time pastor, and Mark

Worsham as minister of music. Ard entered the ministry in 1973, having previously been employed in secular work. His wife, Clydeann, works at the Union County Hospital. Worsham, a sophomore at Blue Mountain College, will direct a graded choir program.

Oak Grove Church, Mississippi Association, has called Anthony Simmons as music director. He is the son of Rev. Billy Ray Simmons of Progress. Simmons has studied at Hinds Junior College where he was a member of the Concert Choir and sang with the Men's Ensemble. He is now a student at University of Southern Mississippi and one of the University Singers. He has sung with the New Orleans Symphony Orchestra and with the chorus of New Orleans Opera.

Franklin Denham has begun his duties as minister of music at Highland Church, Meridian. Denham is a native of Jackson. He is married to the former Deborah K. Jones. The Denhams have one daughter, Shellie. Denham is a graduate of Province High in Jackson. He has a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Mississippi State University and a Master's degree in church music from Southwestern Seminary. He served the Lincoln Park Church, Knoxville, Tenn. before coming to Highland.

First Church, Belzoni, has called Billy McKay as pastor. McKay, a native Mississippian, has been pastor of Madison Church for 11½ years. From 1963 to 1965 he was minister of education at Forest Church.

Later he was pastor of Goodman Church and director of the Baptist Student Union at Association. McKay was graduated from Kosciusko High School, Mississippi College, and Southern Seminary, and holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Golden Gate Seminary, San Francisco.

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- Pray for the leadership of our Baptist colleges

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Plan Ahead For Holy Land Trip

NASHVILLE — A trip to the Holy Land may be a long-awaited dream come true or an expensive disappointment, according to Bill Stephens, editor of a magazine on biblical history and archaeology.

Stephens, editor of the Sunday School Lesson Illustrators published by the Sunday School Board, has done extensive research including two trips to the Holy Land and numerous visits to museums with biblical artifacts and art collections. He plans his third Middle East trip this summer.

Advance study and careful selection of a tour are the two factors which make the difference between satisfaction and frustration, Stephens said.

Advance study of biblical history, maps and tour books enable a traveler to evaluate the various claims of authenticity concerning historical sites, he said. For example, most tours include stops at two locations claiming to be the site of Jesus' tomb.

He said some popular tourist stops are based on sites identified in the fourth century by Constantine's mother. Basilicas have been built around them even though some are not authentic.

"Groups stop there because they have soft drinks stands," Stephens

said.

Preparation before a trip also heightens the emotional experience of seeing where Paul began his missionary journeys or walking where Jesus did, he noted.

Visiting the site of a biblical happening "focuses the flesh and blood reality of the event," Stephens said. "It's both a factual and a spiritual pilgrimage."

In selecting from the myriad of available tours, Stephens said a person should talk with people who have made the trip and carefully investigate the credentials of tour leaders.

In Israel, Stephens recommended checking in advance to be sure that Jerusalem is not the only major stop because "most of Jesus' ministry was in Galilee."

He said archaeological excavations offer learning opportunities for Bible students. "Tour guides should know of their existence and their importance," said Stephens, adding that more excavation has been done in Israel since 1967 than in all of previous history.

"The purpose of archaeology is not to prove the Bible, but critical problems often are satisfied because of it," Stephens said. "A study of archaeology validates the dependability of the Bible."

Baptist Universities Enrollment Increases

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptist colleges and universities bucked the tide of enrollment decline in the nation last fall.

Total enrollment in the 53 junior and senior colleges and universities sponsored by state Baptist conventions within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention increased by 0.6 percent while enrollment at the nation's colleges fell by 0.5 percent.

Preliminary figures compiled by the SBC Education Commission indicate that a total of 92,489 students were enrolled in the Baptist institutions. The enrollment figures on the nation's colleges and universities were presented in a preliminary study compiled by the National Center for Education Statistics.

The drop in total enrollment in the nation's colleges was the second in three years. 1976 marked the first year of decline after 24 years of uninterrupted growth. Southern Baptist college enrollment has not experienced a decline since 1970.

The increase in enrollment in the Baptist schools was spread fairly evenly throughout those areas where Baptist colleges are located. Though enrollment did not increase in all Baptist schools, there was not a single geographical area which did not experience some growth in some institutions.

New York (RNS) — The American Bible Society has announced it will release in March a new version of the Good News Bible, which is ecclesiastically approved for both Roman Catholics and Episcopalians.

London (RNS) — Britain's Foreign Minister David Owen, has reiterated his opposition to the appointment of a Vatican ambassador to Britain, according to the London Evening News.

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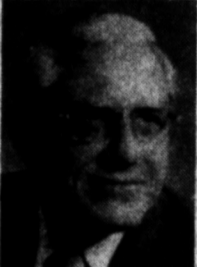
Devotional

Dealing With Fear In Outreach

By David Grant, Pastor, Broadmoor, Jackson

2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:18

A great handicap in winning the lost and turning the wayward back is fear. Our Lord knows this and has told us how to overcome it. His prescription is found in the two verses listed as a text.



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I. The first passage is 2 Timothy 1:7

One will notice at the outset that fear is not of God. Here the word "fear" means cowardly or timid. It is not the word "reverence" as we ordinarily think of fear as being. You will notice that God has given us characteristics just opposite of fear.

He has given us the spirit of power. This is the necessary strength and ability to be able. It is the ability to witness. He has given us the spirit of love. Here the idea of love carries with it that of value, feeling for, and generous concern. This kind of love will de-fray fear in Christian witnessing. He has also given us the spirit of a sound mind. This is the ability to use wise discretion. It is to be in one's right mind.

When these three spirits are applied to the ministry of outreach, fear is destroyed. The power of Satan is broken. Then the derivatives of fear such as hesitation, negligence, establishing priorities, and the like would be applicable. These negative attitudes will be replaced with positive ones such as optimism, enthusiasm, and diligence.

II. The second passage is 1 John 4:18. In this passage the word for fear is different from the one in 2 Timothy. Here the word is the one we use for terror, amazement, or astonishment. It is reverential awe or respect.

The passage says "perfect love casteth out fear." Here emphasis is placed on the word "perfect." Probably a better word for our understanding is mature. It literally means to bring to an end, or to accomplish. It is complete. It is a full-grown love that God imparts. This kind of love keeps on doing away with fear. It is done once and for all. The term used for "cast out" is the same word we use for throwing as we throw a ball. It has the same connotation as forgiveness that is to rescind or dismiss.

Fear has torment. It curtails and punishes. It is destroyed with perfect love.

CONCLUSION: Most of us encounter a degree of fear or hesitancy in an outreach ministry. It is obvious this is not of God. He wants us to be busy in this ministry and has given the faculties to discharge it.

Catholic Suit Similar To That Of Southwestern

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — An attorney for two Catholic diocesan school systems has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court that the federal government should not be allowed to order unionization elections in parochial schools.

Attorney Donald H. Reuben, representing the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, maintained that the such ordering would unconstitutionally entangle the federal government in the affairs of the church.

The case is seen by church-state observers as a key test in what is becoming of increasing concern for church leaders, namely, the extent to which the federal government may regulate church-related institutions and agencies.

A separate suit involving Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's refusal to file anti-discrimination information with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission now pending in a federal district court. Constitutional issues in the two cases are similar.

In oral arguments before the Supreme Court, Wade H. McCree, solicitor general of the United States, said that the NLRB has legal jurisdiction over all schools. He argued that although the National Labor Relations Act has for some time empowered the federal agency to enforce bargaining between church officials and teachers' unions in religious schools, it has voluntarily refrained from exercising that authority until now.

Pressed by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, who asked Mr. McCree if such jurisdiction extends to seminaries, the nation's chief lawyer said that the NLRB has simply not chosen to test its authority with such schools.

Mr. McCree argued that because states are legally empowered to make numerous requirements of parochial schools, including mandatory attendance and minimum health and safety standards, the federal government has a legitimate interest in the labor practices of such schools.

Locust Street Appreciates Sidney Oakes

By Thomas Wicker, Pastor

Locust Street Church, McComb

Because of much praying by our church and the faithful weekly visitation of four men, George Johnston, Leon Dunaway, Lamar Smith, and John David Forrest, a man was influenced for Christ, to become a Christian.

These four men would go every Thursday night in the name of Christ from Locust Street Baptist Church only to receive the same answer, "Not interested."

They asked one Thursday night, "Why don't you come to church?"

The man's answer was, "I do not have the appropriate clothes to go to church." So they got him clothes.

During a revival in 1961, Sidney Oakes accepted Christ and joined the church and was baptized. In June of last year he received an 18-year perfect attendance pin at Sunday School and this year hopes to receive his 19th year pin. When he had surgery his Sunday School teacher went to the hospital and taught the lesson.

He was not a tither because he felt that he could not afford to tithe, until 1965 when he was starting a fire in his fireplace his leg was burned pretty badly. The doctor told him he might lose the use of his leg. The Lord convicted him of his error in not tithing, and he promised God his tithe. He has kept that promise.

Locust Street Church presented a certificate of appreciation to Sidney E. Oakes on Sunday, Jan. 21, as a token of Christian love. Oakes has been custodian of the church for four years, and has served well.

Glorieta Conference Will Train Leaders For Bold Missions Efforts

The Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union will join efforts to offer training to Southern Baptist Brotherhood and WMU officers on June 30-July 6 at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

The occasion is the third annual Bold Missions Leadership Conference which is expected to attract about 2,500 members of Baptist families for a week of training, inspiration, visits with home and foreign missionaries, mission tours and relaxation.

The conference, planned for church and associational Brotherhood and WMU leaders and their families, drew more than 1,500 two years ago and almost 2,050 last year.

Conference planners report the event will offer training opportunities for parents and mission education experiences for their children.

Men will choose from a dozen training courses for lay renewal leaders and church and associational Brotherhood officers, each taught by a national program specialist.

Women may select from a group of training conferences almost twice as large.

Meanwhile youth will take part in a missions program built around Bible study, music, sports, crafts, films, drama, puppetry, and camping.

For younger boys and girls the conference includes a missions day camp

with an Indian motif and such activities as visits with missionaries, hikes, crafts and games.

A wide range of family activities will be offered during the afternoons, including a missions fair, self-guided tours to Baptist mission points in north central New Mexico, movies and athletic events.

A special celebration of Independence Day is planned for July 4.

Sponsors said persons wanting more information, including food, lodging and registration costs, should write to the manager of the center, Glorieta, New Mexico 87535.



Uniform Lesson

Living Your Commitment

By Larry Kennedy, First, Laurel

The story is told that when Alexander the Great was marching across Asia Minor in his conquest of the world, he was informed that one of his officers was not obeying orders. The great general called the young officer into his presence to determine what should be done. As the young soldier stood before his leader, Alexander the Great asked, "Son, what is your name?" Quickly the young Greek responded, "Alexander."

Alexander the Great's face turned red and the veins in his neck protruded. With a shout he exclaimed, "Son, you either change your conduct or change your name."

As Christians we carry the name of Christ. We need to be true to that name. It is imperative that we live our commitment to Christ in all sincerity. How shall we live out our commitment to him?

I. The Will of God

We live our commitment to Christ by seeking to do his will. Paul said that as believers we need to be "filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding" (Col. 1:9). God's will is not unknown. God has given us his word, and it is in that word that we find his will for our lives.

Robert J. Hastings has said, "Beg for God's will as a mother with bony fingers on behalf of a starving baby. Search for God's will as a frantic scientist searches for a serum for a rare malady which afflicts his son. Surrender to God's will as one desperately ill surrenders his body to a surgeon's scalpel. . . . Seek God's will as a lost traveler on a burning desert seeks and digs for water. And having found it, embrace God's will as two lovers, long separated" (Proclaim, Winter, 1974, p. 28).

II. The Walk with God

We live our commitment to Christ by walking daily with him. Paul said, "... walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please him in all respects. . . ." (Col. 1:10). The reputation of Christ is linked to how we live as Christians. A worthy life is one means of guaranteeing that others will take the gospel of Christ seriously.

In 1874 James P. Wofford served as pastor of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Webster County, Mississippi.

During the fall of that year, several men of the church went to West Point, Mississippi, to sell their cotton.

While in West Point, the men became overly excited and all of them got drunk. It took several days for them to get back to Mount Pleasant community.

Brother Wofford was informed about the drunkenness of some of his good men, and he decided that he would speak about the evil of strong drink at the following Sunday services.

The church was packed in anticipation of Brother Wofford's "hell-fire" sermon, and he did not disappoint anyone with his fiery delivery. However, Reverend Wofford was so persuasive in his sermon that one member in the congregation jumped up and with tears in his eyes, said, "Brother Wofford, don't you ever send me to West Point any more to get your whiskey."

It is so easy to see where others are not walking worthy of the Lord; however, we must constantly search our own hearts to see that we are all that

God would want us to be.

III. The Worship of God

We live our commitment to Christ through sincere worship. Paul said that we should joyously give "thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (Col. 1:11-12). Worship is not something we do just on Sunday. Worship is the attitude of the heart before God. A thankful heart is a part of genuine worship that pleases the Lord.

Paul reminds us that we have much to be thankful for. God has given us his son and because of that gift we "have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:14). In Jesus we not only can experience forgiveness, but we come to know the living God because Jesus is "the image of the invisible God . . ." (Col. 1:15).

As the mother attempted to put her daughter to bed, a severe thunderstorm engulfed the countryside. It was not long before the child crawled out of the bed in fear of the lightning and thunder. The mother gently took

the child back to the bedroom explaining that she had no reason to fear because she was safe in her own room.

After a few minutes the child appeared again, trembling at the sound of the raging storm. The mother lifted the child into her arms and reassured her that everything would be all right. As she took the child back to her room, the mother explained how God was watching over her and that the Lord was present with her in the room.

The mother then tucked the child under the covers and gently walked out of the child's bedroom; however, as the mother walked down the hall, she turned to see her daughter standing in the doorway. The mother said, "Darling, didn't I tell you that God is with you?"

"I know," said the child, "but right now I want someone with skin on."

The plea of that child is the plea that all of us make. How thankful we are that God has appeared with "skin on," and we know that God in the person of Jesus Christ.

Life and Work Lesson

Why Not Continue In Sin?

By Joe N. McKeever

First, Columbus

"He's a Southern Baptist," the lady said.

Obviously, that must be on the level of a skunk or at least a snake, by the way she said it.

"You know them," she continued. "They believe you can get saved today and then go out and sin tomorrow. And still be saved."

The sixth chapter of Romans speaks forcefully to anyone who believes the way this woman charges.

Twice Paul raises this issue — should we continue in sin? — and twice he knocks down such reasoning with the strong logic of God's word.

Reason Number One:

"Why We Should Not Continue In Sin"

Romans 6:1-14

Don't you enjoy hearing Paul argue with himself? He presents a position, imagines someone's reaction to it, then answers them.

If you back up to the last few verses of chapter five, you'll see how it works.

First, the Law was given in order to increase people's sin. To rephrase, unless people know the Law they are not conscious of breaking it. When they learn it they may not obey it but their guilt increases.

Secondly, where sin existed in abundance, grace even surpassed it. Or as we might say, "the worse the sin, the greater the grace."

Therefore, someone comes up with a bright idea. "Since the more I sin, the more grace God gives, why don't I continue in my sin — even increasing it —

in order to produce more grace!"

That little argument has the added benefit of appealing to our flesh. After all, many of us are looking for a justification to do as we please anyway. And now we can do so for the good of mankind! Isn't that cozy?

Paul says, "Absolutely not!" And comes up with just about the finest reason in the world for discontinuing sinful practices: you are dead.

You are as dead to sin as Christ is, he states. For you are dead with Christ. In fact, crucified with Him. But risen also!

The purpose for such death-identification with Christ is that we no longer be slaves to sin. What's the opposite of slavery? Freedom.

Freedom to do as you please, to indulge yourself? No way. That's the

world's concept, not God's.

True liberty for human beings means service to God. "Yield yourselves . . . instruments of righteousness" (verse 13).

That's what the Christian life is all about.

Reason Number Two:

"Why We Should Not Continue In Sin"

Romans 6:15-23

What did the law do for us, but increase our awareness of sin? And what does grace do for us, but deepen our appreciation of God?

Okay, the Law is gone, the chains unlocked and the prisoner given his papers. Now what?

Shall we act the fool like we used to? Like the heathen who doesn't know any better? After all, we're not under the Law.

Pause for a moment. Suppose you

say, "I don't know anyone who does this." I beg to differ. You probably do.

How about the deacon who refuses to tithe because "we're not under the Law any longer?"

Or the worldly Sunday School teacher, or the compromising church member? They abound. And blame their sin on grace, on God's goodness.

Paul reminds us of some problems with sin which we may conveniently overlook.

1) Sin is slavery (6:17).

2) Sin produces impurity and lawlessness (6:19).

3) Sin cancels all righteousness (6:20).

4) Sin's fruit is worthless (6:21).

5) Sin earns death (6:23).

When you fool with disobeying God, you play with fire.

On the other hand, Paul almost shouts in verse 22, since you are free — and servants to God — you've got it made! The fruit of your life is holiness, and the gift of God is eternal life.

You have been liberated to a new life. You can make your very best contribution to mankind now, knowing that your "fruit will remain" (John 15:16).



Sound Of Joy Will Sing At Florence

The SOUND OF JOY, a Christian singing group from Pensacola, Fla., will present a concert of contemporary Christian music on Monday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at First Church, Florence.

The SOUND OF JOY is a musical outreach of SuArt Ministries, Inc., a non-profit Christian organization started by Art Crane, designed to encourage young people to use their talents for God. The music that they sing is not rock, but is a smooth and easy style which places emphasis on the words of the songs and hymns that are selected on the basis of how they glorify Jesus.

The group travels extensively throughout the south and eastern United States. They recorded their first album with Cherish Records last year.

